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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Tony Wetz, Director of Project Development
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1050 Seventeenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80265

Re: Time Extension Request for Five Year Review Information, International Uranium (USA) Corporation, Rim-Columbus Mine, M/037/006, Pandora Mine, M/037/012, La Sal-Snowball Mine, M/037/026, Hecla – White Mesa Mine, M/037/043, Redd Block Four, M/037/046, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wetz:

The Division has received your request for an extension of the June 10, 2002, deadline for submitting information on the above-mentioned mines. We understand the difficulty in assembling this amount of information in a short period of time. As stated in our letter requesting this information, because IUC requested an extension of the ten year suspension rule, updated information is needed to assess the adequacy of the bonds presently being held for these facilities. The Division hereby grants IUC's request for an additional 60 days to provide the requested information by August 10, 2002.

We are also in receipt of a letter from IUC requesting an "Extension of Suspension of Mine Operations." IUC needs to make a formal Request for Agency Action to come before the Board to request this extension. Under Rule R647-4-117.4 "The Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years, unless the operator appeals to the Board prior to the expiration of the 10-year period and shows good cause for a longer suspension period."

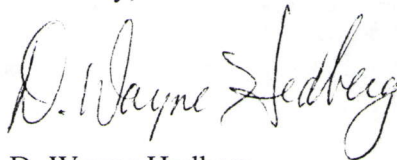
We are encouraged to hear that IUC is in the process of updating the maps of these sites. Up to date information will be needed to provide the Board with an accurate picture of the

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amount of disturbance and the existing conditions at each site. Once this information is received, the Division will inspect each mine site to assess the information provided and the environmental stability of each site. A GPS survey will also be made of each site to assure that the present bond covers the amount of disturbance at each site. IUC will need the information gathered by the Division for IUC's presentation to the Board. This will allow the Board to gain a clear understanding of the ramifications of allowing the sites to remain unreclaimed for an additional period of time.

Thank you for your timely response to our request. If you have any further questions regarding this letter or need guidance regarding the Request of Agency Action, please contact me or Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5286 and 538-5382, respectively. A sample Request for Agency Action form is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wayne Hedberg".

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Attachment: Sample RAA
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